THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE March 28, 2001 **DENNIS MAPLES et al** Group Art Unit: 1711 Serial No.: 09/419,856 Filed: October 19, 2000 For: LOW SMOKE, LOW TOXICITY Examiner: U. K. Rajguru (703) 308-3224 **CARPET** AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116 **Assistant Commissioner of Patents**

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Responsive to the Office Action of December 1, 2000, please amend the above-

identified application as follows.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-10 and 12-16 and insert claims 17-40.

17. A low smoke, fire resistant carpet comprising:

carpet fibers adhered to a carpet backing including a polymeric binder having fire retardant components dispersed therein;

said fire retardant components being present in a major proportion by weight in the polymeric binder and permitting the carpet to meet aircraft flammability, smoke

generation and toxic gas emission standards;

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said fire retardant components comprising at least a fire retardant spumescent, a catalyst, 72.00 CH

and a char former;

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